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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee on February 7, 2019, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning the establishment of an “Artist District”
2 designation and supplementing P.L.1996, c.214 (C.52:16A-
3 25 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. In addition to the powers and responsibilities provided
9 under any other law, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts shall
10 establish an “Artist District” designation for a municipality or an
11 area within a municipality.

12 b. The council shall establish criteria required for a
13 municipality or area within a municipality to be designated by the
14 council as an Artist District, including the minimum number of art
15 related services and venues, such as businesses, galleries, museums,
16 organizations, performance halls, studios, theaters, or other
17 facilities, that must be located in the municipality or the area of the
18 municipality. An Artist District may also constitute a concentration
19 of certain types of art, such as dance, film, literature or writing,
20 music, or performing or visual arts, or types of services and venues.
21 ¹**【The council shall designate no more than 25 municipalities or
22 areas within municipalities as an Artist District.】¹**

23 c. A municipality may apply to the council for designation as
24 an Artist District or for designation of an area within the
25 municipality as an Artist District. A municipality shall apply to the
26 council for the designation on a standard form created by the
27 council and made available on the council’s Internet site.

28 d. After receipt of an application for designation as an Artist
29 District, the council shall, within 60 calendar days, review and
30 approve, approve with conditions, or reject the application.

31 e. The council shall, in consultation with the Division of Travel
32 and Tourism, adopt guidance or standards for an Artist District to
33 advertise, market, or promote itself as a destination for artists and
34 visitors. An Artist District may advertise or otherwise use its
35 designation in accordance with the guidance or standards.
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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATG committee amendments adopted February 7, 2019.